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Drinking Water Projects
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status and the progress of ongoing projects being implemented under drinking water schemes in the country, State/UT-wise including Telangana;
(b) the extent of work completed in percentage terms for ongoing projects under such schemes, State/UT-wise along with an estimated time-frame for completion;
(c) the funds sanctioned/allocated/ released and utilized under drinking water
schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Telangana;
(d) whether any priority is given to drought-prone areas while allocating funds
for projects under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Telangana;
(e) whether the Government has received any proposal/representation from the State Government of Telangana for additional grants under the NRDWP for its Water Grid Project; and
(f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b) Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) the Ministry provides financial and technical assistance to States to strengthen rural drinking water supply in the country. Under NRDWP, Ministry does not release scheme / project wise funds to the States / UTs. The States fix their targets in accordance with the Annual Action Plan and have the powers to select, approve and implement the drinking water supply schemes/ projects in their States . The projects/schemes to provide drinking water to the rural population are approved at the level of State level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC). The State-wise number of ongoing schemes as reported by States on Ministry's online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) including Telangana are at Annexure-I.
(c) The details of funds sanctioned/allocated/released and utilized under drinking water schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Telangana are at Annexure-II.
(d) In view the situation in States having desert/water scarce/drought prone areas, like Rajasthan, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir , Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh , 10% of NRDWP funds are earmarked for States with Desert Development Programme (DDP) areas. In the criteria for allocation of funds to States, 40% weightage is given to States with areas under DDP, Drought Prone Area Programme, Hill Area Development Programme and Special Category Hill States. The details of the funds allocated and released to the States under this component during the last three years is at Annexure.-III
(e) and (f) The Ministry had received two letters dated 6th September, 2014 and 2nd February, 2015 of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Telangana addressed to Hon'ble Prime Minister seeking assistance to the extent of 50% of the total cost of the Telangana Drinking Water grid Project costing Rs. 42,474 crores. The Ministry had replied that due to budgetary constraints the funding of this scale was not feasible. The State Government was advised to utilize additional resources flowing in the form of enhanced devolution as per the Fourteenth Finance Commission and also consider seeking financial assistance for external lending agencies like World Bank , Asian Development Bank (ADB) or Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).